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SUNSHINE CANYON CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL TRAFFIC ANALYSIS CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT BOARD MOTION OF APRIL 16, 2002, SYNOPSIS 133

In response to the Board Motion regarding Agenda Item No. 24, Synopsis 133, on April 16, 2002, we have completed our review of the 1991 certified Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) prepared by the County, as amended, and the 1999 certified Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) prepared by the City of Los Angeles for Sunshine Canyon Landfill.

Although it appears, in our judgment, unlikely that a new traffic study will be needed, our review indicates that supplemental traffic data should be provided in conjunction with the new Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application for the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. Therefore, we will request that the traffic consultant prepare supplemental traffic data updating the traffic studies to the current year through the projected opening of the proposed project, utilizing the most current engineering standards as approved by our Department, and performing an analysis of freeway impacts based on the State Department of Transportation's January 2001 Traffic Impact Analysis Guidelines. This new data will be used to analyze the adequacy of the traffic impact analysis and proposed mitigation measures contained in the County FEIR and the City SEIR.

The scope of the traffic analysis review will include, at a minimum, consideration of the following traffic-related issues for the Sunshine Canyon Landfill project:

- Conducting new traffic counts to determine current baseline traffic conditions versus those projected in the County FEIR and the City SEIR, including classification of the types of trucks (curbside service trucks versus transfer

disposal trucks) utilizing the landfill and projecting that data to the opening of the project, and verifying projected traffic volumes, peak-hour percentage rates, and traffic distribution patterns used in the previous traffic studies.

- Reconciliation of the maximum daily tonnage and associated trips generated by the proposed CUP project with the maximum daily tonnage and associated trip generation considered in the County FEIR and the City's SEIR.
- Reconciliation of an appropriate passenger car equivalent ratio to use in converting truck trips to equivalent passenger cars and the effect on trip generation and traffic analysis.
- Reconciliation of Congestion Management Program freeway impact analysis due to the proposed project versus that considered in the City SEIR.
- Application of the appropriate ambient traffic growth factor to 1) establish pre-project baseline traffic conditions; 2) project traffic conditions to the opening of the proposed project; and 3) determine the impact on the traffic analysis and proposed mitigation measures.
- Review and update of the related projects considered in the County FEIR and City SEIR traffic studies and the effect of any changes on the trip generation, trip distribution and traffic analysis, and further validate the study radius for the related projects.
- Determination of whether the impacts and mitigation measures contained in both the County FEIR and the City SEIR, based on the existing traffic studies as supplemented by the updated data and analysis, satisfy the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act for the new CUP application.

If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact my Deputy, Tom Alexander, at (626) 458-4012.

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